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§19–701.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Animal control unit” has the meaning stated in § 10–617 of the Criminal Law Article.
- (c) (1) “Animal welfare organization” means a nonprofit organization:
  - (i) that has tax exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; and
  - (ii) whose mission and practice is the rescue of animals and the placement of those animals in permanent homes.
- (2) “Animal welfare organization” does not include an organization that obtains animals from a breeder or broker in exchange for payment or compensation.
- (d) “Breeder” means a person who breeds or raises dogs to sell, exchange, or otherwise transfer to the public.
- (e) “Broker” means a person who transfers dogs for resale by another person.
- (f) “Offer for sale” includes to sell, offer to transfer, offer for adoption, advertise for the sale, barter, auction, give away, or otherwise dispose of a domestic animal.
- (g) “Retail pet store” means a for–profit establishment open to the public that sells or offers for sale domestic animals to be kept as household pets.

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